

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARY ANN ULLRICH  
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM GPO

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor a distinguished public servant and an inspiring resident of Maryland's Fifth District: Mary Ann Ullrich, Manager of the Office of Congressional Publishing of the Government Publishing Office (GPO). After spending 37 years in public service, Mary will begin her well-deserved retirement at the end of this year.

Equipped with typing skills, a high school diploma, and a good work ethic, Mary started as a Clerk Typist in the GPO's Personnel Office in 1980. Through her determination, talent, and dedication to GPO's mission, she will retire as the GPO's second shift Manager in Congressional Publishing.

As she advanced through the ranks, Mary helped the GPO navigate a period of great change and modernization as computers and digitization became increasingly common. She played an important role in the GPOAccess initiative, which made the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the Federal Register, and other key government publications accessible to the public online. Mary even received a prestigious Hammer Award in recognition of her crucial contributions to this project to ensure the transparency and accessibility of government information.

Similarly, during her time in the Typography and Design division, she typeset many prestigious products, including the card and program for President Ronald Reagan's lying-in-state ceremony, Colin Powell's Joint Force Quarterly magazine, and fine-art books such as the Senate Catalogue of Fine Art and Glenn Brown's History of the Capitol. Perhaps the most important project she worked on, however, was the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony Program. Upon learning of the attacks on the morning September 11, 2001, Mary worked for nearly thirty-two hours straight to ensure that all the programs were ready for the memorial service at the National Cathedral the following morning. First Lady Laura Bush was so grateful for Mary's work on that solemn day that she sent her a personally signed thank-you note. In the following years, Mary brought her same diligent and dedicated work ethic to leadership roles with GPO's Congressional Publishing team.

If you ask Mary, she will tell you how fortunate she felt every day to work at the GPO and how proud she is to be a career federal employee. Mary looked up at the Capitol every day from the front door of the GPO building and was proud to be a small part of the daily congressional legislative process and GPO's mission to 'Keep America Informed.' Similarly, her district, state, country, and Congress take pride in her and in all those federal employees like her who work behind the scenes to make

our government function For the People. That's why I ask that all my colleagues join me in congratulating Mary Ann Ullrich on starting her well-earned retirement after decades of loyal service.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF  
WARREN LIEBERMAN FROM THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
BELMONT

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Belmont City Councilman Warren Lieberman upon the occasion of his departure from the Belmont City Council after 22 years of remarkable service to Belmont, including three terms as Mayor. He served for 17 years on the council and for 5 years on the city's Finance Commission. He has lived in Belmont for over 20 years. He and his wife, Gracie, raised two children in Belmont, Vanessa and Max.

Warren graduated from Yale University with a Ph.D. in Operations Research and from SUNY Binghamton with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science. He is President of Veritec Solutions, and helps companies improve pricing and revenue management practices.

When first elected to the city council in 2005, Warren focused on improving opportunities for youth sports and recreation. He was a coach in AYSO Soccer and Little League and realized that Belmont needed improved facilities. Substantial improvements were made to the city's sports complex.

Given its steep, wooded canyons and grassy areas, Belmont is at risk of a catastrophic wildfire. As a councilmember, Warren worked hard to ensure that residents were always served by a fire department with adequate personnel and equipment. He joined the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department Board and negotiated to restructure the obligations of his city so that they were fairer to Belmont residents. He was later selected by his colleagues on the city council to negotiate entry of Belmont into the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. He serves on its governing board.

As a councilmember, Warren Lieberman also supported numerous efforts to stabilize and then grow Belmont's tax base. Business development was his central focus, but he also supported increasing the hotel occupancy tax and a local sales tax measure, both of which were approved by voters. As COVID ravaged the community, then acting-Mayor Lieberman led virtual meetings of the council and helped direct student energies in a positive manner during protests originating at Carlmont High School.

Affordable housing is a challenge for all communities in my district. Warren voted to

approve developments and made the case to the community that Belmont's success hinged on families of all income groups being able to feel secure in their housing. When residents objected to placing cannabis businesses near their homes and schools, Warren listened patiently. The council eventually voted to ban these businesses from school routes and neighborhoods.

At the time that Warren joined the city council, its meetings were often fractious. He has worked hard to build relationships with other councilmembers so that the city's governance is more sure-footed. In 2014, he led the Council's effort to develop and implement a Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. The public appreciates his focus, and that of his colleagues, on policymaking rather than disputes. In part due to this focus, the city's infrastructure is being upgraded, affordable housing was constructed and is in the pipeline, and the city's budget has weathered the challenges of COVID and recessions. Growing families now may also utilize city rules that are more friendly to remodeling.

Other council accomplishments during his time in office include: creation of a construction time ordinance; development of a better relationship with Notre Dame de Namur University; creation of the Beautify Belmont Awards; and, conversion of Davey Glen Park from a passive park into an active park.

Madam Speaker, I note that this longtime civic leader will now return to private life so that he may concentrate on personal and business affairs. City Council work is a volunteer job, and it takes quite a bit of time away from one's family. I know that Gracie, Vanessa and Max will appreciate having more time to hear from Warren, and time for him to participate in family events. I wish Warren a wonderful life in the many years ahead. He made a difference, and as he travels around Belmont his accomplishments will stand before his eyes everywhere that he goes.

HONORING LANGSTON LONGLEY

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Mr. Langston Longley, Sr., a beloved husband, father, and friend.

Whereas, Langston O. Longley was born in Nassau, Bahamas. His youth was filled with many activities and organizations, including the Boys Brigade, church and athletics. He came to Miami at an early age and lived in the greater Miami area for over 40 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley furthered his education in Miami, graduating from Miami Dade Community College, University of Miami & Barry University in Real Estate Business/Marketing Programs. He successfully completed

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the required courses and training for the American Real Estate University, earning the designation of Certified REO Specialist (CREO) which better equipped him to utilize his real estate knowledge to assist those in critical need; and

Whereas, for nearly four decades, Mr. Longley served Dade and Broward counties as a licensed Realtor. He was an experienced Real Estate Developer, having built and sold single family homes. He also provided rental housing for Miami-Dade Section Eight and Moderate Rehab clients for over 25 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley was an active member in several cultural/community organizations. He was a mentor with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, appointed to the Miami-Dade Housing Program Landlord Advisory Council, a member of Dade and Broward Real Estate Investment Associations as well as a longtime member of the National Association of the Bahamas. Mr. Longley served as Chairman of St. Mary's Wesleyan Methodist Church as Trustee Chairman for over 20 years; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley was immensely proud of his Bahamian heritage. He was a Bahamian Junkanoo Musician and Costume Maker. He was the co-leader and founder of the Bahamas Junkanoo Revue of Miami, which performs the colorful Bahamian masquerade tradition throughout the United States. For decades, Langston served as a cultural bridge between the United States and the Bahamas promoting junkanoo all across the United States; and

Whereas, Mr. Longley leaves behind to cherish his precious memory: his lovely wife of 50 years Lula; his three children; seven adorable grandchildren; and numerous relatives and friends; and now, therefore,

Be it resolved That I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a Member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Mr. Langston Longley, Sr. for his commitment, dedication, and service to our community.

#### HONORING SHERIFF BRIAN MARTIN

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Brian Martin in recognition of his retirement and decades of service to the people of Lake County, California.

Mr. Martin was born in Granada Hills, California to Deputy District Attorney Joyce Campbell and Judge Richard Martin. After moving to Lake County, Mr. Martin attended Clear Lake High School and later received his bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Union Institute and University. His lifetime of service began with a tour of duty in the United States Army's Military Police Corps.

Mr. Martin then served with the Pismo Beach Police Department as Patrol Officer and Motors Officer before joining the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy in 2005. He has also worked as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and as

the Assistant Chief Probation Officer in the Lake County Probation Office. Continuing his service with the Lake County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Martin rose to the rank of Lieutenant before successfully running for two terms as the Lake County Sheriff.

As Sheriff, Mr. Martin has provided exemplary leadership in the face of unprecedented challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, major flood events and devastating wildfires like the LNU-Lightning Complex Fire, North Bay Complex Fires and the Sulphur Fire. He has testified in front of the California State Senate following the Valley Fire and made major technological advancements to the County's notification system. Additionally, Mr. Martin reclassified Correctional Officers to Peace Officers and promoted the first two female Deputy Sheriff Sergeants in the department's history. Some of his other achievements include safety improvements to Sheriff's Office buildings and vehicles, the addition of body-worn camera technology and the formation of the Sheriff's Foundation. In recognition of his outstanding work, I was proud to recognize Sheriff Martin as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Lake County in 2016.

Mr. Martin is a devoted husband of 28 years to Crystal Martin and father of three. His children, Brian, Hayley and Matthew have all continued their family's proud tradition of military service.

Madam Speaker, I thank Sheriff Martin for his many years of selfless service and commitment to the people of Lake County. His efforts have undoubtedly made his community a safer place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH COMMEMORATIVE WORK

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2022*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6611, which would authorize the Embassy of France in Washington, D.C., to establish a commemorative bench honoring the extraordinary contributions of Jean Monnet to restoring peace between European nations and establishing the European Union.

Jean Monnet, known as the "Father of Europe," was a French diplomat and political economist who was instrumental behind the scenes in negotiating an early end to the Second World War, fortifying American and French relations, and politically and economically integrating Europe in the post-war era. Thanks to his innovation and vision, the United States and the European Union continue to share an enduring commitment to defending peace and liberty around the world and to standing together in the face of great challenges.

Throughout his many years of diplomatic service, Jean Monnet was a frequent visitor to Washington, D.C.—and like many of us, he felt a special connection to the natural beauty of Rock Creek Park. My hope is that this small token of respect in the place he loved will inspire others to follow in his footsteps and celebrate the democratic values that unite us all.

I ask all members to join me in supporting H.R. 6611, and in paying tribute to one of the great peacemakers of the 20th century.

#### RECOGNIZING KRISTI MALLARD ON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Kristi "Kris" Mallard as she retires following 24 years of government service, including over two decades within the House of Representatives.

Kris began her career in the Office of Congressman Sonny Montgomery from her home-state of Mississippi. After serving at the Pentagon, including during the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Kris came to Congress as a Navy detailee in 2002 with a unique perspective. Following these challenging years, Kris left the Department of the Navy to join the House Appropriations Committee as professional staff where she has served diligently and assiduously—first on the Defense Subcommittee and later the Homeland Security Subcommittee—since 2003.

With exceptional understanding of both the Defense and Homeland Security Appropriations bills, Kris has worked on a wide range of issues that have made our nation stronger and the world safer. Her expertise has made her a strong negotiator of some of the toughest policy areas under our Committee's jurisdiction, leading to responsible investments that have strengthened our national and domestic security. Her hard work and oversight efforts have helped our government work better for the American people, and her kindness and dedication to mentoring other staffers has made our Committee and our Congress stronger.

I believe I speak for myself and all Members of the Committee in saying we will miss Kris's valuable insight and her hard work greatly. Her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and to advancing reforms to make government work better have made her an unparalleled asset. I congratulate Kris on a wonderful career. The Nation and this body are deeply thankful to her for her leadership, service, and dedication.

#### RECOGNIZING LINDA MARTÍN MASON UPON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Linda Martin Mason who served on the San Bruno City Council for three years, the last one as Vice Mayor. The timing of her term was truly challenging because the majority of it was during the COVID-19 pandemic, a once-in-a-century event that no city council candidate could have possibly foreseen. Linda, her council colleagues and city staff rose to the occasion and found ways to keep San Bruno residents as safe as possible and to assist small businesses through these difficult years.

The challenges of the pandemic played out in the Mason household. Linda, as General

Counsel and Chief People Officer at the Housing Authority of the City and County of San Francisco, was an essential worker and required to work from her office. So too was her husband, Andrew Mason, as the President of the San Bruno Park School District Board of Trustees. Linda and Andrew have two young children, Fabian and Gabriel, now ten and six. Balancing their duties as a council member and trustee while alternating who was working remotely or from the office while also caring for their children whose daycare had been closed due to the pandemic was very difficult and stressful, but with the support of each other, Linda and Andrew managed. We owe them both a big debt for their unwavering service.

During her time on the council, Linda and her colleagues were very productive. They negotiated a community benefits package with one of San Bruno's top employers, YouTube, that will result in \$54 million coming to the city and create a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly office park and community space in the Bayhill neighborhood. The construction of the new Recreation and Aquatic Center, funded by a PG&E settlement after the tragic pipeline explosion in 2010 that killed eight residents, is on time and within budget. The council successfully placed a transit occupancy tax measure on the ballot that will bring the tax to industry standards. They also negotiated with WalMart to bring over \$3 million in additional tax revenue to the city. This year I was pleased that the House of Representatives approved almost half a million dollars in Community Project Funding for wildfire prevention for the cities of San Bruno and Belmont. Additionally, we voted to approve \$2.4 million to the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County that would address flood control issues in San Bruno. It's now up to the U.S. Senate to approve this funding.

The council enacted an emergency ordinance to protect small businesses from being evicted during the pandemic. Outdated rules were updated so that small restaurants downtown are now allowed to open without having to create parking. The council created a much-needed street paving schedule and supported \$6 million in funding this year.

Linda didn't hesitate to initiate or lead projects. Local press reports that Linda jumpstarted the negotiations with Artichoke Joe's which will provide about a million additional dollars to the city. She was also instrumental in securing \$200,000 in county funds to beautify Posey Park and to fix a non-working fountain. Linda was a strong proponent for 12-year term limits for council council members and mayors, a measure that passed by more than 80 percent.

Always advocating for transparency, equity and good governance, Linda has successfully pushed for more diversity on committees, commissions, and boards. She also advocated for stricter accountability measures from the San Bruno Foundation to assure grants are utilized as intended. Thanks to her, all foundation meetings are now recorded and available for public viewing. As a parent with children in public schools, Linda pushed for open communication and partnership between the school district and the city. The city manager and superintendent now meet regularly and during the pandemic, the city provided its internet service to low-income students who lacked internet access during the lockdown. Linda in-

troduced the idea of the Peninsula Museum of Art moving into Tanforan Mall and repurposing additional empty mall space as working artists' studios.

Linda is a San Francisco native. She earned a double major BA in Political Science and Spanish from San Francisco State University. She completed most of the coursework for her BA at Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Spain. She received her JD from San Francisco Law School.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Vice Mayor Linda Mason for her service to the residents of San Bruno who are among the most resilient constituents in my Congressional District. I have no doubt that Linda will stay engaged in public life and continue to contribute to the community she loves.

#### RECOGNIZING JAYLEE LYNCH

##### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jaylee Lynch, Garden City, Michigan's longest-serving city council member, as she celebrates 23 years of service, including 4 years as Mayor of Garden City.

A lifelong resident of Garden City, Jaylee Lynch has embodied the spirit of public service. The people of Garden City hold a special place in her heart and took pride in representing a welcoming community. Jaylee Lynch's dedication to her city was evident in the work she championed to ensure the expansion of the fire department, community center, and downtown redevelopment.

During her tenure, Council Member Lynch advocated for the issues most important to the residents of Garden City as a representative on the Conference of Western Wayne. Outside of her official work, Council Member Lynch is an active member of several service-oriented organizations, including the Garden City Kiwanis Club.

Please join me in showing appreciation for Garden City Council Member Jaylee Lynch for more than two decades of public service for her 15 years of service to the people of Michigan's 13th District Strong, as we wish her well on her future endeavors.

#### COMMEMORATING STAFF ON THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

##### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of three long-time staffers, each of whom has served this body and the American people for more than two decades.

All of us on this floor recognize the essential contribution staff make towards our individual and collective success—whether crafting policy, shepherding legislation, or serving our constituents. Knowledgeable, diligent, talented public servants are the glue of this institution,

and those who dedicate their lives and careers towards this service deserve our special appreciation for sharing their wisdom and experience with the next generation of public professionals.

The staff I hope to honor here today embody those ideals, working tirelessly and selflessly to support progress on issues that matter to the American people, serving as a model for our entire team and for this chamber. Though no speech could encapsulate the breadth of their dedicated service, I firmly believe they deserve to be recognized before the full House for their distinguished careers.

David Watkins, the Staff Director for the House Committee on Natural Resources, began his career on Capitol Hill more than two decades ago, first joining the office of his hometown Congressman and our esteemed colleague, Representative LLOYD DOGGETT.

David then joined the Committee working on public lands issues before working his way up to Subcommittee Staff Director, Chief Counsel, and eventually to Staff Director of the full Committee. Under David's leadership in the majority and minority, our Committee saw historic accomplishments, from advancing comprehensive environmental justice legislation to supporting self-determination for the people of Puerto Rico.

Even as the Full Committee Staff Director, David's work on the behalf of public lands was never far from his heart. Throughout his career he was an adept advocate for special places, advancing historic lands bills from P.L. 111–11 and the Dingell Act to the Great American Outdoors Act.

Perhaps most of all, David was a trusted and respected leader on our team, helping to support and develop staff, incorporate diversity and inclusivity, and ensure we championed issues too often forgotten. His knowledge of Committee process and history was invaluable as I took on a Committee leadership role, and his guidance and good humor have helped our Committee through many long markups and floor debates.

Nancy Locke, the Chief Clerk of the House Committee on Natural Resources, has been in her current role since 2019, but her service to this Committee and this Congress began long before.

Nancy first joined the Committee more than twenty years ago, first serving as the Clerk for the Subcommittees on Energy and Mineral Resources and National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands under Chair Doc Hastings, before working her way up to Deputy Chief Clerk and then Chief Clerk of the Full Committee. Her distinguished career also included more than a half decade of service on the House Education and Labor Committee as their Chief Clerk.

Throughout her time on the Hill, Nancy has seen this chamber change hands and change in its composition, but she has remained an unwavering force. Over the years, Nancy has kept our hearings and markups in order, consistently ensuring proper procedure, and keeping the Committee on track.

Her famed weekly meetings served as an opportunity for her team to coordinate activities across the Committee but was also at the heart of our work—she kept the trains running on time, helped ease staff transitions, and organized procedurally complex Committee business.

In addition to her work as Chief Clerk, Nancy has provided invaluable mentorship to

many talented teams of Subcommittee Clerks and Policy Aides, whose own successes serve as a testament to her guidance and leadership.

Finally, I want to thank Chris Kaumo for his twenty years of service. I have known Chris since before I was a Member of Congress as he was one of the first staffers on my first campaign. Chris was an essential force in my early work in this Chamber, helping to organize and staff our offices, while ensuring quality service for the people of southern Arizona.

From running phone banks to now serving as a Deputy Staff Director and Senior Advisor to the Committee, his work and friendship have meant the world to me. When I first assumed my role as Ranking Member on the House Natural Resources Committee, I asked for Chris's help in a new capacity, and brought him on to serve as Staff Director on the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. In that role, Chris has been an essential advocate for elevating Indigenous voices and protecting the rights of Indigenous communities.

He is a Committee leader and a trusted advisor, and I am deeply indebted to his long service to our district, state, and the Nation.

Madam Speaker, though David, Nancy, and Chris will be deeply missed on the Natural Resources team, I have no doubt they will find fulfilling and exciting opportunities in their next steps. I want to thank them all for their dedication, service, and friendship over the years.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF THE MARION COUNTY MEMORIAL HONOR GUARD

#### HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Third Congressional District, we recognize the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard.

We thank them for their hard work in commemorating the lives of fallen veterans in North Central Florida. Funeral services for our fallen servicemembers deserve the utmost respect and care, and we are grateful that the Honor Guard provides such memorable honors ceremonies for veterans and their families. With many in our district having served, it is a comfort knowing the Honor Guard bestows such a great appreciation for our servicemembers.

We thank each of the 20 members of the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard: Captain Stephen Peter Foster, U.S. Air Force, Retired; Captain Stephen Petty, U.S. Army, Retired; 1st Lieutenant Peter Peno, U.S. Army, Retired; CWO Bill Dorsey, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired; ATCS(AW) Donald S. Kennedy, U.S. Navy, Retired; MSG James Lynch, U.S. Air Force, Retired; MSG Sharon Cooley, U.S. Air Force, Retired; ASMC Ron Roberts, U.S. Coast Guard, Retired; SGT Tommy Carter, U.S. Army; RM2 Thomas Dewey, U.S. Navy; EON2 John "Moses" Morris, U.S. Navy; Cpl Joe Dewey, U.S. Army; Cpl. Lewis Alston, U.S. Marine Corps; Cpl. Lew Wolfe, U.S. Marine Corps; Cpl. Jack Kiner, U.S. Marine Corps; EM3 Marshal Searles, U.S. Navy; LCpl Larry Barnes, U.S. Marine Corps; PVT Bruce

Hutchinson, U.S. Army; Mr. John Earl, Bagpiper; and Roberta Foster.

#### ANOTHER HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT IN OUR NATION'S SPACE PROGRAM

#### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize a historic achievement in our nation's Space Program. Yesterday marked the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 17's landing on the moon—the last time humans went to the moon. Now, 50 years later to the day, Artemis I's Orion capsule splashed down off the Baja California coast, signifying our return to the lunar surface, and beyond.

As a teenager I was deeply inspired by President Kennedy's famous Rice University speech declaring America's intent to go to the Moon. I wanted so much to be part of it, and, like many in Brevard County, I found work on the Apollo program just a few years later. It was a truly great experience.

Space is not only important to our national security, but to advancing American ingenuity and technological prowess, and ultimately, to ensuring the survival of our species. This is an exciting time for space exploration and discovery, and I encourage young people looking to be part of something special, something important, to consider a career in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE DIANE PAPAN, DEPUTY MAYOR, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SAN MATEO CITY COUNCIL

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize San Mateo Deputy Mayor Diane Papan as she leaves the San Mateo City Council to become a member of the California State Assembly. The voters of the district have elected a strong leader who has always been attuned to the needs of her constituents.

Diane Papan grew up in Daly City and Millbrae and then moved to the City of San Mateo. She was President of the Baywood Owners Improvement Association, Second Vice-President of the United Homeowners Association, and Chair of the Baywood School Site Council. She also worked on the San Mateo Downtown Master Plan and Parking Plan.

She is a proud graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, where she received her bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1985, and of my alma mater the University of California Hastings College of the Law from which she graduated in 1988. As an attorney, she began her legal career litigating public works projects. Today, she has her own commercial law practice representing small busi-

nesses. She also serves as the administrator of her family's charity, John's Closet, and a scholarship named for her late brother, the John Papan Memorial Scholarship.

Diane is deeply concerned about climate change and has been instrumental in helping San Mateo County adjust to this new reality through her service on OneShoreline, a countywide district that creates projects to deal with sea level rise. As an original board member, she recognizes that San Mateo County is the No. 1 county in California at risk of damage to property and infrastructure. Together with her fellow board members, she has overseen the implementation of a project in Redwood City and Menlo Park to relieve flooding for hundreds of low-income residents of mobile homes. She and her colleagues are also guiding a project that will protect businesses and infrastructure in an area from the border with San Francisco International Airport through Burlingame to San Mateo. Some in San Mateo County questioned the need for a countywide agency to deal with climate change and sea level rise. Diane saw the aim of this agency and has always strongly supported it.

As a councilmember and Mayor, Diane pushed to establish the 101 Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority so that San Mateo County could implement toll lanes along a lengthy stretch of our main freeway. The project will be completed next year but it promises to reduce carbon emissions and to speed commuters through a heavily congested corridor. She also represents the city on the board of the consolidated fire district.

Diane has been a strong supporter of more housing within the City of San Mateo. For example, while on the council, she voted to allow two additional levels and 61 additional units to the city's Kiku Crossing development, an affordable housing project presently under construction. It was a controversial decision because it relied on recent changes to state law. Using state authority to create these units illustrates the important role that the state legislature plays in creating economic opportunity despite the opposition of some.

Diane Papan's father, Lou, served in the State Assembly and she is therefore steeped in the history of the institution. However, I know that she will be her own person, as she has proven to be during her time on the city council. In fact, some lobbyists may ignore her individuality and attempt to ingratiate themselves by appeals to her father's memory and sensibilities, Diane, as intelligent and talented as she is, may wish to remind them of their folly by keeping a desk sign close at hand. It might read: "Diane Papan: Proudly Lou's daughter, not his clone."

Serving in elective office is a privilege. It is especially so when you are able to see the immediate impact of your work as is possible when you serve in the California legislature. In our present times, so much depends upon state law. Diane is a strong supporter of the reproductive rights of women, a supporter of California's assault weapons ban, and wants California to invest in wildfire prevention. She will be able to see these priorities and others turned into concrete action in the years ahead.

I wish Diane Papan, her husband Dan Latini, and their daughter Alexa, all the best in the years to come.

## HONORING TAYLOR BURTCH

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Taylor Burch, my fellow who has worked to improve our Nation's education system. Taylor has proven to be a talented and intelligent policy analyst, always ready to take on any task and apply her knowledge.

Taylor assisted my education policy team, where she worked on legislation, partook in stakeholder meetings, and considered various ways to improve education and teacher assistance. She is a detailed and focused professional with the ability to excel in her projects.

Originally from Dundee, Michigan, Taylor completed her bachelor's degree in Women's Studies at the University of Toledo and her master's degree in Gender and Sexualities Research at the University of Florida. Currently, Taylor is a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida. She will receive her PhD in Higher Education Administration and Policy after successfully defending her dissertation, which focuses on the exploration of college trajectories among young persons with adverse childhood experiences, in the Summer of 2023. Taylor will use her passion for education equity to continue her policy research and advocate for improve conditions for marginalized communities.

The first fellow to serve in the University of Florida's Legislative Education Fellows program, Taylor has made my office proud to receive the university's inaugural fellow.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Taylor Burch for her inevitable success.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
RYAN COONERTY ON HIS  
RETIREMENT

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Santa Cruz County's Third District Supervisor, Ryan Coonerty, who is retiring after serving two terms as a Member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

Ryan Coonerty has a long and distinguished history of public service. He served twice as the Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, and was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2014. He hosts a podcast, An Honorable Profession, and co-founded NextSpace Co-working and Innovation, serves as a lecturer on law and government at U.C. Santa Cruz, and co-wrote *The Rise of the Naked Economy*.

As a Santa Cruz County Supervisor, Ryan worked to create affordable housing, expanded public safety programs, voter access and family health. He is a respected leader on environmental issues and opposed offshore oil and gas drilling. He is a steadfast supporter of women's rights and LGBTQIA+ equality, and an advocate for local immigrant families.

Supervisor Coonerty has been a leader on the Board of Supervisors in bringing forward proposals to address post CZU Fire issues, such as the creation of the Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience, initiating a debris clearance process, and more recently, addressing permitting and rebuilding challenges. While the fire was burning, he put out an email newsletter almost daily to keep residents informed.

Ryan and I have worked together on North Coast issues, especially balancing tourism with control over traffic, noise, and trash. He helped set up the North Coast Multi-Agency Working Group, which I'm an ex-officio member of.

Ryan has received many honors, among them his selection as a Rodel Fellow in Public Leadership by the Aspen Institute as one of "the nation's most promising young elected officials". He was honored as a Community Hero by the Red Cross of Santa Cruz County, and Advocate of the Year by the United Way of the County.

Ryan Coonerty is a graduate of the University of Oregon's Clark Honors College, the London School of Economics, and earned his law degree from the University of Virginia. He and his wife Emily reside in Santa Cruz with their children Daisy and Kellan.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Ryan Coonerty for his exemplary service and wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. Because of his superb leadership we are a better community and a stronger country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Bobby Silverstein, a devoted public servant who made monumental progress advancing disability rights. Over the span of a career serving both chambers of Congress, Bobby worked behind the scenes to deliver countless wins for the disability community. Notably, he played a pivotal role in the development and enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act during his time serving as staff director and chief counsel for Senator Harkin's Disability Policy Subcommittee.

Every person deserves to live and age with dignity, and this was a principal Bobby committed himself to every day. Bobby will be remembered for his compassion, track record of success, and passion for giving a voice to those who feel forgotten, and these sentiments are shared by his colleague and friend, Peter Thomas, who spoke at Bobby's memorial service. In honor of Bobby, I include in the Record Peter's speech.

REMARKS OF PETER W. THOMAS AT BOBBY  
SILVERSTEIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Like the bright sun on this crisp fall afternoon, Bobby Silverstein shines his light on us today.

Good afternoon. I'm Peter Thomas, Managing Partner of Powers law firm in Washington, DC.

If the measure of a person's life is the number who mourn his or her passing, then Bobby Silverstein knocked life out of the park.

There are no words to express the depth of loss we all feel. I usually take Bobby's lead and try to speak diplomatically, rather than bluntly, but you can't sugarcoat this. Bobby's untimely passing is a dagger. It's a gut punch that will be felt for a long time to come.

But we would not have learned from Bobby if we did not focus on the positive. The impact his life had on so many. The love he spread throughout his life and the fact that we are all better off for knowing him.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us recognize those who can be thankful for Bobby Silverstein and all he did to improve the lives of people with disabilities:

1. If you have a child with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD), think about thanking Bobby.

2. If someone you know needed special education and an individualized education plan (IEP), think about thanking Bobby.

3. If you can access public services and transportation despite your disability, think about thanking Bobby.

4. If you are employed as a person with a disability, Bobby probably deserves your thanks.

5. If you benefitted from research on rehabilitation, disability, and independent living, thank Bobby Silverstein.

6. If you are relying on this interpreter or using closed captioning on this livestream, Bobby played a role and is worthy of thanks.

7. I could go on, but the magnitude of the positive impact Bobby had on our lives is truly astounding.

Bobby was my partner at Powers' health care and disability practice for the past 15 years. What an honor and privilege it is to have shared his space on this earth; to have shared a front-row seat in his work on behalf of the people he devoted his professional life to; individuals with disabilities.

I first met Bobby in 1989 while I was in law school trying to pass legislation to establish a prosthetics research program to help people with limb loss, like myself. Bobby was working for Senator Tom Harkin's Disability Policy Subcommittee as staff director and chief counsel. I was no one, and I was very nervous.

Bobby was gracious but serious and direct. He told me the Claude Pepper Act for Amputees, as the bill was known, had little chance of passing because it was "not integrated into the disability policy framework." That probably sounds familiar to some of you but I scratched my head. He said he could not be supportive of legislation to help amputees alone at the exclusion of others with disabilities in similar circumstances.

Long story short, in the end, and with much help from Bobby, the bill enacted into law the following year created the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMR) at NIH. The center's mission is medical rehabilitation research writ large, but the law includes specific mention of prosthetics research and development. The center has been a major funder of prosthetics research for over 30 years which, of course, accomplished the original goal of the Claude Pepper bill but did it in a way that was, in fact, integrated into the disability policy framework.

I learned a great deal from that experience that I have put to use throughout my career, and in life. I know many others who have had the same experience when they came into Bobby's orbit.

In fact, one of Bobby's most blessed gifts was to those who sought his guidance. Bobby was an exceptional mentor to those with and

without disabilities. I am so grateful that the health care associates and young professionals in my firm got the opportunity to hear from Bobby just one week before he passed away.

Bobby presented virtually to the Powers health care group on the "Art of Negotiation" and imparted years of wisdom on the younger members of the Powers Team. Bobby was his old self, methodically presenting his well-prepared remarks, highlighting his points with examples of bill negotiations from his Senate days, and laying out his process which relied heavily on preparation.

I took a look at some of Bobby's binders over the past few days and could not believe what I saw. Well-organized, tabbed, color-coded, and dog-eared for sure, but each page is full of comments in the margins, underlined words, double underlines, circled words, pencil, pen highlighter, sticky notes, stars, exclamation points! Double explanation points!!

He sucked the pulp off those pages. It was an exercise in aggressive reading!

His dedication, passion, and clarity of focus left me awe-struck. Those were not the work papers of a casual lawyer. Bobby was not 9-to-5er. He was most fulfilled after a full weekend of work, producing a 12-page, single-spaced memo and seeking review and substantive comment; before 12:00 Noon on Monday.

Bobby was the consummate professional who lived and breathed disability policy. As he said many times, Bobby considered his work to be his therapy, even in his final hours.

His list of accomplishments is remarkable: The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Georgetown University Law Center, cutting his teeth at a public interest law firm, House committee staff, Senate Disability Policy Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Director of the Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy, and mediator for the U.S. Appellate Court in Washington, DC—all before settling into the last 15 years of his career at Powers law.

His awards are too numerous to mention. While he accepted them graciously, his beloved wife Lynne tells me that he housed them in his closet. And that's really all you need to know about Bobby Silverstein.

Bobby never sought the limelight. He never craved credit. They say "Success has many parents and failure is an orphan." There are many who can legitimately claim playing a key role in enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, some of whom will speak after me, but Bobby went out of his way to stay behind-the-scenes: To do the heavy lifting; the principled negotiation; always with a goal of getting to "yes." And his track record demonstrates his effectiveness: Twenty federal laws impacting people with disabilities, all bipartisan and all based on consensus. It is an incredible legacy to leave behind.

In the past few days, I have heard from literally hundreds of Bobby's colleagues and friends expressing their sentiments:

1. A genuine, kind, and humble man
2. An endless fountain of good humor and optimism
3. One of a kind; he has no equal
4. Such a force and a relentless advocate
5. Uncompromising defender of what is right and true
6. Thorough and analytical yet thoughtful and compassionate
7. A selfless mentor to anyone in need of guidance
8. A visionary, yet practical
9. Tough but warm, and always the voice of reason Case in point: When Bobby told a room full of leaders that their theory was

"preposterous"—We were all thinking it, but he was the only one brave enough to say it!

10. A giant in the disability community

For me personally, I will miss Bobby painfully in our internal policy debates, our advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities, and on our weekly Legislative Practice calls. But mostly, I will just miss my friend.

Bobby was the most positive person I have ever known and I will always be grateful for the time we spent together. For that, let me say thank you, Bobby. Thank you so very much.

## COMMEMORATING THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the City of Birmingham, Michigan, for its role in the American abolitionist movement and to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of those who risked their lives seeking freedom from the atrocity of slavery in the United States. As important work continues to appropriately recognize and educate around this terrible period of American history, it is a great honor to highlight the story of Birmingham, Michigan, and two individuals who dedicated themselves to helping others achieve their freedom.

The Birmingham Museum of Birmingham, Michigan, documented the remarkable role the city and its residents played in the anti-slavery movement through its research into Birmingham's Black heritage. The city was proud to submit its application to list Birmingham's Greenwood Cemetery on the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom list. Birmingham's application to the network was officially accepted in March of 2022 and was further recognized by the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission. The stories of two men, Elijah S. Fish and George B. Taylor, were compiled as accounts of Birmingham's connection to the Underground Railroad, and I would like to share more about their harrowing stories today.

Elijah S. Fish was among the first settlers to purchase land in what is now Birmingham, Michigan, in 1820. Mr. Fish's land acquisition occurred just two years after Birmingham's founding as one of the oldest settlements in Michigan. Described as a "principler and hardworking man," Mr. Fish became an influential figure in Birmingham's early history, founding its first Presbyterian Church and becoming its first deacon. As territorial Michigan grew, Birmingham became an important stop along the route from Detroit to Pontiac. Its convenient location expanded Birmingham's potential to influence regional economy and politics, and Mr. Fish seized upon this opportunity to become a key figure in the abolition movement of early Michigan.

Mr. Fish served as a dedicated organizer of anti-slavery efforts through the associations he formed with other abolitionists, such as lawyer and state legislator George Wisner of Pontiac and Quaker activist Nathan Power of Farmington. Even before Michigan was granted statehood, Mr. Fish and 50 other abolitionists founded the Oakland County Free Discussion

and Anti-Slavery Society, His work with the organization continued throughout the early 1840's, as he continued to fight to end the enslavement of black Americans from his home in Birmingham, Michigan.

By 1840, Michigan had developed a strong network of anti-slavery organizers and thousands of freedom seekers were aided through Michigan's Underground Railroad network. As bounty hunters became more aggressive in their efforts to recapture freedom-seekers in the region, and upon the enactment of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, anti-slavery advocates redirected freedom-seekers through the state and toward Canada as a safer destination for those escaping enslavement. Individuals such as Henry Bibb, an influential abolitionist lecturer, relocated across the Detroit River to Windsor, Ontario, around 1850, to assist in resettling escapees who arrived via the Underground Railroad and began publication of *The Voice of the Fugitive*. Helping people who were enslaved establish new lives in Canada required a system of abolitionists on both sides of the border. Organizations such as Michigan's Friends of Humanity had active anti-slavery advocates from Oakland County such as Elijah Fish and Nathan Power, and Wayne County's Reverend Marcus Swift who were instrumental in fueling the continued efforts to combat slavery in America and safely usher Black Americans to freedom in Canada.

A convention of anti-slavery advocates was held in May of 1851 in Detroit with Elijah Fish presiding as President. The convention resulted in the formation of the Refugee Home Society to raise funds necessary to make land purchases in Canada for freedom-seekers. Mr. Fish remained committed to the cause following the convention by funding and providing supplies to freedom-seekers navigating the Underground Railroad and by organizing influential abolitionist speakers to the region to raise awareness and speak on the anti-slavery movement. While Mr. Fish was unable to celebrate the successful prohibition of slavery due to his death in February of 1861, his contribution to the movement in Michigan helped propel the nation toward abolition, a feat that was accomplished just four years after his death. His admirable dedication to abolition makes him a noteworthy historical figure of Birmingham and deserving of this posthumous recognition.

Mr. George B. Taylor's story illustrates the cruel conditions that were withstood by those who were enslaved, and the sacrifices made to gain their freedom. Mr. Taylor, like many other people born into slavery, did not know his family history and did not have birth records, but his estimates place his birth year around 1822 to 1824. Despite years of inhumane treatment during his enslavement by the Greathouse family of Hancock County, Kentucky, it was not until 1855, after experiencing a public whipping, that he became determined to escape to the north. Throughout his treacherous and long journey northward, he encountered unimaginable risk that was, sadly, not unique to him. He narrowly evaded capture by armed bounty hunters who were aided by bloodhounds and navigated hundreds of miles of difficult terrain using only the stars in the night sky. His journey can be described as nothing short of incredible.

The month-long trip from Hancock, Kentucky, to Michigan was over 300 miles, and even upon arrival in the north, significant danger remained as raids of known abolitionists'

homes and inconsistent enforcement of laws pertaining to slavery victimized freedom-seekers. Of the thousands who escaped toward Michigan, many were captured and returned to their enslavers. Upon Mr. Taylor's escape, he faced the difficult crossing of the Ohio River, and on April 1, 1855, he began a slow, two-week journey through the rugged terrain only by night, avoiding settlements and farms to evade capture. Deciding his progress was significantly hindered by the darkness, he sought to travel by day. Experiencing significant exhaustion as he slowly advanced in his travels, he fell asleep in bushes alongside the road one day only to be awoken by two bounty hunters and their bloodhounds who had taken him prisoner. Narrowly escaping, Mr. Taylor hid in the undergrowth as the bloodhounds and gunshots followed. The next five days of his trip were inconceivably taxing. He traveled five days by foot, without food or water, before being discovered by an abolitionist family who helped him regain his health before recommencing his trip northward. Although he had walked for three weeks, he was still far from his destination.

Just two days after resuming his trip, he was once again run down by bloodhounds. This time, Mr. Taylor was unable to escape his abductors and was arrested to be taken before a local justice. Through good fortune, the justice, an abolitionist, granted his release, and he continued on his way before finally reaching Niles, Michigan. From there, the Underground Railroad network assisted him in the final leg of his trip, east to Detroit and then to his freedom in Windsor, Ontario.

Two years after achieving his freedom, Mr. Taylor returned to Michigan, settling in the Birmingham area. Upon his arrival in rural Birmingham, Mr. Taylor worked as a farmhand and began living with Mr. J.P. Stewart. The Stewart's neighbor, Reverend James S. T. Milligan of the Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church, was known to be active with the Michigan Underground Railroad network and his farm remained a safe place for freedom-seekers leading up to the Civil War's conclusion. By 1870, slavery had officially been abolished in the reunited country, and Mr. Taylor had continued to build his new life in Michigan. No longer a laborer, Mr. Taylor now farmed his own land with his wife, Mrs. Eliza Dosier, also someone who was formerly enslaved. His position as a respected and contributing member of society grew, and in 1872, Reverend Milligan sought the Taylors' help to set up a new church in Denison, Kansas, relocating the family westward.

The Taylors returned to Michigan from 1876 to after 1880, when they once again relocated to Denison, Kansas. When Milligan retired and left Denison, the Taylors returned to Birmingham in 1893, and were proudly the first African American property owners in town. While Reverend Milligan and Mr. Taylor's connection can be verified through their work in Kansas, it is possible that the two had known each other since Mr. Taylor's escape in 1855 and remained in contact as anti-slavery advocates. Records suggest that, during his time in Michigan, Mr. Taylor may have played a key role in resettling newly freed Black Americans. Census records show several children present in the household who then are absent from the household by the time of the next census. While it is difficult to verify, it is speculated that Black families, such as the Taylors, were

fostering homeless African American minors and orphans, continuing their contributions to the abolition movement by assisting with their transition to freedom. Mr. Taylor faced unimaginable hardship in his early life, but he courageously pressed on, finding his purpose in service to others.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent the City of Birmingham, Michigan, a community that's history is so closely intertwined with the fight for a more just nation. Its role as a destination for freedom-seekers and home to influential abolitionists, including Mr. Elijah S. Fish and Mr. George B. Taylor, makes the 11th Congressional District proud. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the rich history of Birmingham, Michigan, and honor the two men whose stories were highlighted today, and may Michigan maintain its role as a destination for freedom-seekers and those who fight for a more just society.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
CHARLES STONE UPON COMPLETION  
OF HIS TERM OF OFFICE  
ON THE BELMONT CITY COUNCIL

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Belmont City Councilmember and former Mayor Charles Stone as he concludes his term of office on the city council. The city is losing a truly conscientious and forward-looking leader.

Charles Stone is a lifelong resident of San Mateo County and a resident of Belmont since 2004. He was first elected to the city council in 2013 and then was re-elected in 2017. He is a graduate of Hillsdale High School, the University of California at San Diego, where he received his degree in political science, and Santa Clara University School of Law. He practices law at the Law Office of Katherine R. Moore in Redwood City.

Prior to joining the city council, he served on the Board of Directors of School-Force!, a nonprofit raising funds for Belmont and Redwood Shores schools. His interest in city policy began as he noticed a lack of cooperation between the city and school district. As he put it, "It was more like two fists pounding together than two hands being aligned and I didn't like that." In 2013, he threw his hat into the ring to create more family-friendly policies and those more amendable to working families.

Throughout his time on the city council, Charles Stone has been focused on housing, transportation and economic development. After two terms on the council, and after many long nights discussing housing and the city's general plan, Belmont is one of the few cities in San Mateo County that is on track to meet its state-mandated goals to produce affordable units. The most recent development, Firehouse Square, is 100 percent affordable and has 66 units adjacent to the Belmont Caltrain Station. There are 331 units of affordable housing built in recent years or in the pipeline, along the El Camino Real transit corridor. Charles has been a leader in making this new housing a reality.

As a councilmember, he serves as the council's representative to seven intergovern-

mental agencies and to multiple nonprofits. He has six council committee assignments.

However, his most time-consuming assignment outside of the council chambers is his role as a member of the board of our local transit agency, Samtrans, and as a board member of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain). He is an undisputed regional leader in transportation. He successfully negotiated, along with two other local leaders, for the payment of \$35 million to Samtrans for its 1991 purchase of the Caltrain right of way on behalf of three counties. For more than a year, and in the midst of confusion and finger pointing by leaders in other counties, Charles repeatedly and publicly read the terms of the longstanding contract and demanded that the terms not be changed without appropriate repayment of the outstanding debt. The money and new terms were approved this year, marking a rare moment when San Mateo County and its transportation interests were treated equally by the other two counties.

Charles fought successfully to raise the minimum wage in Belmont. He twice served as Mayor. He worked with a neighboring community to end traffic gridlock near a high school. He supported his police department while embracing the need for change to ensure equity. He also supported the arrival of Stanford University to the campus of a small liberal arts university long located in Belmont. During his time on the council, bioscience discovered Belmont. Councilman Stone supported conversion of office space to lab space and the construction of new labs. During the darkest days of the pandemic, Charles and his colleagues created a \$100,000 fund for local businesses, adding to state and federal small business funds. He also appropriately chastised the federal government's business pandemic relief programs for leaving too many behind and for operating with insufficient controls. "Had [the federal government] dug in a little more and spent more time on this I think we'd be in better shape today," he noted in April 2020. I think the GAO auditors tracing fraud would agree with Councilman Stone.

It is now time for Charles Stone to step down from the city council and to regain time to hike with his daughters, Sophia and Sara, around Waterdog Lake. I want to thank him for putting his astute mind to use on behalf of working and middle-class families in San Mateo County for over 10 years. He can honestly state that the difference he made is cast in concrete, framed in steel, and sits within a beautiful city blessed with green hills and oak trees that he cherishes. He improved the lives of tens of thousands. This ex-rugby player is temporarily leaving the field, but the score on the board shows that, despite occasional injuries and perhaps a few involuntary blood donations, he was key to delivering a win for the people of Belmont.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER JOHN  
SAWYER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Sawyer of Santa Rosa, California in honor of his retirement and sixteen years as a council member and mayor.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Santa Rosa, California. He graduated from Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa in 1973. He took over management of his family's business at age 21—Sawyer's News, a very popular downtown Santa Rosa news and magazine stand started by his great grandfather in 1936. Several years later he joined the Santa Rosa Downtown Development Association beginning his successful career of community and public service.

In 2004, Mr. Sawyer was elected to the Santa Rosa City Council for his first term. He served from 2004 to 2012 and then another two terms from 2014 to 2022. In 2008, Mr. Sawyer was appointed mayor and served as the city's first openly gay mayor. He was appointed mayor again in 2014. Mr. Sawyer worked tirelessly to secure the reunification of Old Courthouse Square. Santa Rosa's downtown square had been bisected since 1966. Old Courthouse Square is now a popular hub for markets, performances, shows, and other community events. In addition, Mr. Sawyer led an effort to annex Roseland, a 700-acre island of unincorporated land, into the City of Santa Rosa. For decades, the Roseland community, a vibrant neighborhood with many Latino residents but with one of the lowest income levels in Sonoma County, had languished with limited access to vital services and poor infrastructure. Mr. Sawyer helped resolve this crisis of equity with a historic financial agreement that brought critical services to the 7,400 new residents of Santa Rosa.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Sawyer for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Santa Rosa. His efforts have made Santa Rosa a more dynamic, diverse, and prosperous city. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING MR. DAVID TADLOCK ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSISSIPPI CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to recognize David Tadlock.

As the owner and operator of Tadlock Stockyards for nearly 50 years, Mr. Tadlock has played a crucial role in the success of the cattle industry in Mississippi. David's commitment to the industry is clear, not only in the time and energy he has dedicated to his business, but also in the fact that he comes from a long line of cattlemen.

Mr. Tadlock's family has owned and operated Tadlock Stockyards for nearly a century, passing the business down from one generation to the next. David's dedication to his family's legacy is evident in his determination to take over the business at such a young age, and in his plans to involve his granddaughter in the family business.

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Tadlock on his induction into the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association Hall of Fame. This is a well-deserved honor. The Mississippi Cattlemen's Association is blessed to have members like David Tadlock, who have made

such a significant impact on the industry as well as my home state of Mississippi. I am pleased to highlight this prestigious honor and recognize a lifetime of contributions and impactful service.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. David Tadlock for his many accomplishments and his dedication to Mississippi and the United States. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring David Tadlock.

### HONORING DWIGHT BULLARD

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Senator Dwight Bullard for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2020.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on the July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Senator Dwight Bullard's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dwight Bullard for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

### RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE REGINA WALLACE-JONES FROM THE CITY COUNCIL OF EAST PALO ALTO

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Regina Wallace-Jones as she steps away from the City Council of East Palo Alto. Her service will influence the course of the city for decades to come.

Regina was raised in West Covina in a family with multiple requirements: Obtain an excellent education, clean the house on Saturday, go to church on Sunday, and give service to the community. She noted on her campaign blog that Family Pizza Fridays were a must. In her 200-word candidate statement she mentioned that she is the daughter of union laborers and that she understood the struggle for livable wages and affordable housing. Upon reviewing the statement, her father asked if she would substitute Communications Workers of America for union laborers. She acknowledged that his change would be better, but then she would be two words over the limit. The proud union member relented.

Regina received her bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University and her Master of Science in Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles. She spe-

cialized in telecommunications and technology policy.

She and her husband, Sheffond Jones, moved into their home in East Palo Alto in April of 2002, part of a new development known as Shorebreeze Runnymede. It's a small cluster of homes where neighbors fix their broken fences together, deal with infestations of field mice, help out with childcare, and stay friendly over time.

In fact, friendliness is a word that describes East Palo Alto. Its people work hard across its 2.2 square miles, and often help out each other when times are difficult. It's a community where the median household income is \$96,000, about 70 percent of the countywide median. It also sits side-by-side with Meta, and gentrification of the community is a significant concern.

It was into this community that Regina advanced in 2018 with her 500 campaign signs and dozens of volunteers, offering to take up the challenges of being a city councilmember. She advocated for closer relations with the school district, technology training for residents, decreased traffic, economic development, and building affordable housing.

The Ravenswood Business District is the city's largest opportunity to create new laboratory and office buildings. In 2019, the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration made a \$4.4 million investment as part of an economic renewal project in this district. Regina has supported responsible development of the area to bring thousands of new employees to what will eventually be a new downtown. For the entire city, she supported obtaining water from neighboring communities to cure reliability problems that plague the existing water system. During her time in office, she strongly supported new infrastructure, including a new bike bridge over Highway 101 to connect residents on the west side of the city with the eastern side that has most of the stores and services.

Regina was Mayor in 2020. Many of the residents of East Palo Alto are front-line essential workers. In September 2020, the city had a test positivity rate of 15 percent, more than three times higher than the countywide positivity rate. At a council meeting that month she noted, "One of the biggest solutions that helps people recover is early identification and early intervention. And that comes from testing." As the pandemic sickened and killed residents, Mayor Wallace-Jones and her colleagues used city funds to first establish widespread testing and then to support outreach and staffing for a large vaccination program. Culturally competent outreach and volunteer efforts spread throughout the community. She and her council colleagues also had to grapple with a significant decline in tax revenue. Careful management of vacant positions and an infusion of federal aid helped bridge the gap.

It is now time for the mother of Addison and Jocelyn to return to evenings with her family. It will not be easy, as Regina is also a CEO of a non-profit. However, this busy executive, daughter, mom and spouse deserves time to spend with her family. On our recent election day, when she had chosen not to be on the ballot, she reflected online, "I loved my opportunity to serve. And I hope that more get out there and do the same. The end is only bitter when you've got nothing left. I'm grateful for every vote and every dollar that supported me."

Madam Speaker, the whirlwind of Shorebreeze Runnymede will be remembered as a woman who made a difference. We are grateful that she was in leadership when a crisis hit her community and that she will remain an active resident as we edge our way into more normal times ahead.

HONORING MRS. KATHY J.  
THOMAS

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my district staffers, Mrs. Kathy J. Thomas. I met Kathy in 2019 and quickly brought her on staff as a Constituent Liaison in my Gulfport district office. During her tenure, Kathy has assisted nearly 3,000 constituents through casework with compassion and dedication.

Kathy grew up in West Virginia in the small town of Follansbee. In 1988, she graduated from Brooke High School, and shortly thereafter, she married her high school sweetheart, Mark. After their wedding, she and her new husband moved to Biloxi, MS, where he served in the United States Navy Seabees and Master Chief to Command Master Chief. Her grandfather, Kale E. Wells, served in the United States Navy during WWII. Kale would have been proud of her decision to marry Mark as he rose through the ranks to retire after serving 30 years as a Master Chief.

Kathy and her husband raised two beautiful, intelligent daughters, Taylor and Riley. Taylor graduated from Mississippi State and the University of South Alabama and works as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at USA Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile, AL. Riley graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and recently started a job at the DuBard School for Language Disorders in Hattiesburg, MS.

Kathy attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, earning an associate degree. Kathy volunteered for years as an ombudsman as her husband served and deployed with the United States Navy Seabees. While raising her daughters, she worked as a preschool teacher and assistant teacher. Her passion and dedication to helping others led her to work as a Congressional Liaison making a difference in the daily lives of the constituents of South Mississippi.

Kathy has been a valued, loyal, dedicated, and compassionate asset to my staff and me. I am grateful for her positivity and can-do attitude over the years. It is my honor to express my gratitude to Mrs. Kathy Thomas for her service to Mississippi and my constituents.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE  
RICHARD A. SHIRLEY

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with profound sadness to remember and

honor the life of Richard A. Shirley of Anderson who passed away on December 8th at the age of 68. Before his unexpected passing, Richard served as the Clerk of the Court in Anderson County.

In 1978, Richard began his career in public service by being elected to the Anderson City Council, becoming the youngest person ever to be elected to the council. In 1998, Richard was elected Mayor of Anderson and faithfully served as mayor for 8 years. During his tenure as mayor, he played an important role in revitalizing the Anderson Soiree festival and making Anderson the prosperous place it is today. Richard was also a successful local community banker for over 30 years and proud graduate of T.L. Hanna High School and Presbyterian College.

Richard was a proud husband, father, son, and friend and he will be immensely missed by the community of Anderson. Richard will be remembered for his constant smile, witty humor, and his love of God and country. I am reminded of the verse Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Richard had a servant's heart and was always there to help people with a smile and those in need. His profound impact on the Anderson community will be felt for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor my dear friend, Richard Shirley. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

TRIBUTE ON THE BIRTH OF  
HENRY LEE DRAGANO

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, today I am happy to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Cecelia Dragano, of Aiken, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby son. Henry Lee Dragano was born on December 5, 2022, at 7:56 p.m., weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces. He has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future. His birth is a blessing. On behalf of my wife Roxanne, and our entire family, we want to wish Garrett, Cecelia, and Henry all the best.

RECOGNIZING BILL WILD

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to acknowledge the legacy and dedication of William "Bill" Wild for his more than 20 years of public service to our communities.

Mayor Wild is Westland's longest-serving mayor. A Westland native and graduate of John Glenn High School, Mayor Wild took pride in giving back to the community that raised him. He was especially proud of his accomplishments in helping improve infrastruc-

ture, including an overhaul of Westland's municipal center, building a vibrant shopping district, and bringing a citywide recycling program to Westland.

Mayor Wild's commitment and many years of services has been exceptional and outstanding. The 13th District, Wayne County and the Westland community extend their gratitude to Mayor Bill Wild for his many contributions to the growth and prosperity of Westland. It has been an honor to be one of his many partners serving Westland neighborhoods.

Please join me as we recognize Mayor Bill Wild's many contributions to the families of the Westland and 13th Congressional District as we wish him well.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
ANNE OLIVA AS SHE ENDS HER  
TERM OF SERVICE ON THE  
MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Millbrae Mayor Anne Oliva as she steps down from the city council at the end of her present term, and after serving nine years on the council. She has distinguished herself by doing outstanding work while in elective office.

Anne has lived in Millbrae for more than 20 years. She was appointed to the Millbrae City Council in 2013 to fill a vacancy and was elected to a full four year term in November of that year. Her top priorities at the time were building economic strength and sustainability, protecting private property rights, and ensuring public safety. Millbrae was emerging from the housing recession and its downtown business district was suffering. Hotel occupancy taxes, a major source of city revenue, were significantly depressed. The city's budget had been cut repeatedly and difficult decisions lay ahead.

In subsequent years, Anne and her colleagues made tough choices. They contracted for police services from the San Mateo County Sheriff's office, a decision that was discussed at great length due to the affection that the people of Millbrae had for their own department. Economic growth came with controversy. Millbrae is a major transportation hub with a combined BART and Caltrain station serving thousands of daily commuters. The council approved a large development on the BART parking lot, delivering hundreds of units of needed housing, a new hotel and accompanying tax revenue, offices, and retail to serve all. Anne supported the development as part of her promise to build the economic strength of the city and the sustainability of its budget.

Her experience as a real estate agent and broker has informed her public service. She served on the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Association of Realtors, including on its legislative committee and as President. She also served on similar legislative committees for the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. When the County of San Mateo sought assistance from property owners and managers to find apartments for persons holding

federal housing vouchers, Anne worked with my office and San Mateo County to identify willing owners and managers. She and her brother also manage hundreds of apartment units and homes. They encourage property owners to accept federal housing vouchers and many do, thus helping low-income households throughout San Mateo County.

At least part of her dedication to ending homelessness arises from personal experience. Anne once noted that, "One of the most impactful and tough experiences in my life was the night my husband Jose and I received a call that we will never forget. We learned that our son, who suffers addiction and mental health issues, was living on the street. We are blessed that he is fine now and doing much better. But my family's story is all too typical. I refuse to accept the status quo on homelessness. We cannot continue to let people live and die on our streets."

Over her 20+ years as a resident, Anne has been a volunteer for the PTA, the Mills High School Athletics Booster Club, and the Italian-American Women's Guild. She is a local coordinator for the Coats for Kids program, and in 2010 she was awarded the Community Service Award by the realtor's association. She also fundraises for the San Mateo County Historical Association.

We thank her husband Jose, daughter Francesca, and two sons Joey and Marco, for allowing Anne time to serve the public. Her presence will now be more predictable, and they have the satisfaction of knowing that Anne's occasional absences were needed to build a better Millbrae for everyone. Most importantly for Anne, she will now have time to spend with her two new grandchildren, Carolina and Isabella, born October 10, 2022. It may be a step down from public service to leave a city council, but it's a step up in service to humanity to become a grandmother. Anne is very fortunate to have received a promotion at this point in her life.

It is now time to say farewell to Anne Oliva as she leaves public life, but thankfully she isn't moving away. Her ever-present smile and can-do attitude will be evident in her community, and her willingness to volunteer will endure. When local businesses seek an advocate, they will always have Anne as an ally. Importantly, she will continue to work her magic in the real estate market, providing housing to those who need it, opportunities for those who seek the American Dream, and fair returns to owners. The wind and fog that occasionally sweep through Millbrae will continue to have their rival in Anne's energy, and the optimism about the future that she exudes will be remembered as a major force for good during the nine years that she served Millbrae, a community that she loves.

#### HONORING VEER SAWHNEY

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Veer Sawhney, my intern who has completed his Winter 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Veer has proven to be a very capable young man and shows great promise for his future endeavors.

Veer has assisted my office in various areas, including education policy, communications, and constituent engagement. He has shown a great understanding of the legislative process and has demonstrated his ability to adapt to the political arena. Veer has presented an excellent work ethic and willingness to learn.

Veer is a proud first-generation Indian-American from Leonia, New Jersey. A student at American University, Veer is working to receive his bachelor's in Political Science and his master's in Public Policy with a concentration in education policy and policy, management, and leadership.

Veer is using his time at American University to gain practical skills which he plans to use in his future endeavors. His passion will drive him to work in education policy, where he plans to develop policies to improve our nation's education system.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Veer Sawhney for his hard work and accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING DAREK NEWBY ON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee, and its staff, to pay tribute to Darek Lane Newby as he retires following 25 years of service to the House of Representatives.

Hailing from North Carolina, Darek began his career with Congressman David Price as a Legislative Assistant before serving as the Congressman's Appropriations and Budget Committee associate staffer, Legislative Director, and Acting and Deputy Chief of Staff. In these roles, he advised the Congressman on issues and legislation related to the federal budget, homeland security, health care, and the environment.

In 2009, Darek came home to the Appropriations Committee, initially joining the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, of which he took over as Clerk in 2011. Since 2013, he has been serving as the Homeland Security Subcommittee Clerk. He provides other Members and me with vital counsel and expertly leads staff in developing the Subcommittee's bill.

During his time with the Appropriations Committee, Darek has proven time and time again to be a fair negotiator whose superb leadership and compassion have made our nation and the world safer and more humane. His career was never shy of managing crises, but he led with dedication and poise through any conflict that came his way. Darek's profound technical knowledge, coupled with his diligence and poise, has been critical in reducing refugee and asylum application backlogs, bolstering maritime security, strengthening our cyber infrastructure, respecting the dignity of immigrants, and supporting disaster relief.

I am excited for what the future holds for Darek and wish him, his wife Patty, and their children Ben and Sam all the best. As Darek stalls a new beginning, the Appropriations

Committee and our Nation will miss him, are indebted to his service, and are forever grateful for his hard work. Congratulations on a remarkable career.

#### HONORING THE LATE BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

#### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, on November 17 of this year, we lost a dedicated public servant and crucial advocate for disability rights: Bobby Silverstein. He served in the House of Representatives as counsel to the Education and Labor Committee's Select Education Subcommittee and later in the Senate as staff director and chief counsel for the Disability Policy Subcommittee of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. I worked with him most closely when I was the lead House sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act and he was working as Senator Tom Harkin's chief aide. In that role, he helped craft the ADA and fought tirelessly to secure its enactment. Like so many others, I admired Bobby's intellect, strong character, and commitment to public service. I believe that my friends Katy and Ralph Neas articulated that admiration we all feel for Bobby perfectly in their remarks at his funeral service, and in honor of Bobby, I include in the RECORD their speeches.

[Nov. 22, 2022]

#### REMARKS FOR BOBBY SILVERSTEIN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

(By Katy Neas)

In 1987, Bobby was my boss. When I left the Hill in 1991, he was my friend, and somewhere along the way over these 35 years, he and Lynne became family.

There are three things you need to know about Bobby.

No one was better prepared. Yes, he really did have a binder for everything.

No one wanted to get to "YES" more than Bobby.

No one was more genuine, thoughtful, loving, respectful, and patient, and he was fun.

I worked for Bobby on the original Americans with Disabilities Act. One of his many gifts was his devotion to bringing people together—the disability community, the business community, Republicans and Democrats. He had endless patience and wanted to learn from each individual's perspective so that the ADA could be the strongest LAW possible. One of the best parts of this time was a certain individual from the Leadership Conference, Ralph Neas, who was in our office almost daily to coordinate with Bobby. Ralph and I were married in November of 1988 and spent the next 20 months engulfed in the ADA.

During those months, I had many conversations with Lynne, asking her about "Bobby time"—meaning, what time did Bobby come into the office. Her typical response was "don't ask." What most people didn't know is that he would be in the office around 3:00 a.m. every day so that he could leave by 6:00 p.m. to have dinner with Lynne and the boys. That was his schedule for months.

Bobby at his "Bobby-est" when in conversation with Senator Orrin Hatch. There were amendments that sought to discriminate against people with HIV that Senator

Hatch was considering supporting. Bobby tracked him down in the hallway to share with him an anecdote about a zoo in Ohio that had requested a group of students with down syndrome leave because their presence was upsetting to the animals. Bobby explained to Senator Hatch that the fundamental discrimination these children faced was the same discrimination that people with HIV faced. In his sincere Bobby way, he was the perfect messenger and Senator Hatch ended up doing the right thing.

So on to the fun Bobby. Bobby and Lynne joined the Lowes Island County Club as it was a club without gender-based restrictions where Lynne could be the primary member and play golf anytime she wanted. The club was purchased by the Trump organization sometime later. Several times in that first year of the Trump presidency, Bobby would call, using that golf-tv announcer voice—to let me know that the President was on the 17th hole with a gazillion secret service agents—because I was in desperate need of this important information.

So, while I won't ever pick up the phone to "Hi, it's Bobby" again, I will carry him in my heart for all the days of my life. And I will always ask myself in a tough situation, what would Bobby do? And I would ask you do to the same.

When someone treats you with disrespect or anger, think—What would Bobby do? He would try to find out why they are upset and to see if there is a way to reach consensus.

When life throws you a curve ball, think—What would Bobby do? He would analyze the problem from every angle, go back to his fundamental principles of right and wrong, and come up with a solution.

And finally, when you are having a really bad day, think—What would Bobby do? Know that he would envelop you in his love, patience, and generosity and move heaven and earth to support you. And if you do that for someone else, Bobby will be on your shoulder cheering you on.

I am the most grateful person on the planet to have had this incredibly intimate personal and professional relationship with Bobby Silverstein. Every day since his death last week, I've woken up crushed by sadness but overwhelmed with the joy that comes with being Bobby's friend. How can you think about Bobby and not smile? As I put one foot in front of the other, I will think about what would Bobby do, what would Bobby expect me to do, and how can I advance his legacy. It won't be easy, but Bobby showed us what's possible.

[Nov. 22, 2022]

#### EULOGY FOR BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

(By Ralph Neas)

For 35 years, I have been in awe of Bobby Silverstein. The reasons are many. High on my list, of course, are his notable and numerous professional accomplishments, especially his leadership role in the enactment of the historic Americans with Disabilities Act.

But my role today is to discuss primarily the personal and not the professional. I would like to share with you two episodes in my life that demonstrate why no one could have a better friend than Bobby Silverstein.

In early November of 2018, I was laying paralyzed on an I.C.U. bed at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. For the second time in my life, I had contracted Guillain Barre Syndrome, a rare and usually reversible autoimmune disorder that can sometimes lead to total paralysis and death.

After confining me to more than 100 days in hospital beds, the syndrome had struck most of my body, but not my lungs. However, it had become increasingly apparent, as breathing and talking became more difficult, that my lungs were its next target and a ven-

tilator might be necessary to increase my chances of survival.

At this critical moment, in walks Bobby, with his perpetual grin, his sense of humor, and his trademark optimism. He had learned from Katy that I was in really bad shape. Bobby correctly figured out that I probably needed a close friend to help Katy keep me company and my sanity. And very importantly be my advocate when necessary.

He sure got that one right. And no one was better qualified. Bobby understood how vital it was for a patient in my condition to communicate needs and participate in important decisionmaking. He realized that without augmentative and alternative communication devices, those goals would be impossible to achieve. Bobby and the hospital's alphabet chart became an incredible team. Thanks to them, my anxiety level dropped considerably.

But soon it was clear that if I were to live, I had to be put on a ventilator. Bobby was the last nonmedical person I saw before the medical procedure and the first one I saw as I regained consciousness. And Bobby and the alphabet chart remained my constant companions until I was out of the woods. Bobby had been the indispensable friend we all need when the stakes are the highest.

Fast forward four years: Bobby is battling cancer and my communications with him are by email or phone calls. I told Katy that I forever will owe Bobby "big time" for what he did for me in 2018. It was time for me to return the favor. I would visit him in person on a regular basis for as long as it took to get him better.

On November 5, I was on my way to the Silverstein home, armed with three bowls of chicken soup (of course) for Lynne, Bobby, and myself. While we waited for Lynne to return from an errand, Bobby and I sat on the porch, basking in the early fall sunlight and talking about everything: families, politics, sports, friends, and his tenacious battle to defeat pancreatic cancer.

An hour into our conversation, Bobby pivoted suddenly and dramatically to the strong possibility that pancreatic cancer might win. He made it abundantly clear that he would continue to fight the cancer with all his might, but he knew the odds were not in his favor. He just wanted me and everyone else to know that he was not afraid of dying. Indeed, if he died, he would die a happy man. He explained that he had lived a full life, experiencing all its joys, especially the love of his family and friends and his enormous love for them.

Bobby first talked about how wonderful it was to have been married to Lynne, the love of his life, for 51 years. Then he turned to Mark and Evan and how fabulous and loving they had been as sons and how they had married Steph and Christie, two remarkable and loving women. And to the surprise of no one in this room, Bobby shared with me for the millionth time, how spectacular it was to be the grandfather of Cyrus, Chloe, Jacob, and Bailey.

And yes, he did mention his professional career with a sense of pride in his accomplishments and the opportunities he had to help better the lives of countless Americans.

While Bobby talked, I realized that once again I was the one receiving another friendship gift. In his careful, diplomatic, and effective way, Bobby was making it clear that it is possible to achieve balance in one's personal and professional lives—with a lot of hard work, the willingness to compromise, and love.

As I drove home that day, I promised myself that no matter what life still had to offer, I would try to be more like Bobby. Once again, thank you, my dear friend.

#### HONORING MAYOR JOHN DUNBAR

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor John Dunbar in honor of his retirement and record eighteen years of service on the Yountville Town Council.

Mr. Dunbar is a native of Oakland, California and a graduate of the University of California, Davis. He moved to Yountville in 1998 and joined the Zoning and Design Review Board in 2003. In 2004, he was appointed to the Town Council and was elected to his first full term two years later. Mr. Dunbar was elected Vice Mayor of Yountville in 2008 and Mayor in 2010, 2014 and 2018. His 18 years on the Town Council and 12 years as Mayor are both record-long tenures.

Over the course of nearly two decades of public service, Mr. Dunbar has been a leading advocate for equality in the Napa Valley. In 2009, he authored the successful Yountville Equal Rights Resolution and in 2019, supported the raising of the Rainbow Flag in honor of Pride Month. In an effort to boost local interest in the arts, Mr. Dunbar helped found the Yountville Arts Commission and made countless investments in community programs.

As Mayor, Mr. Dunbar oversaw years of a balanced budget and remained committed to supporting local industry, wildfire prevention and affordable housing within the town of Yountville. He has also been a champion of climate change initiatives and conservation efforts. Outside of his local duties, Mr. Dunbar has represented Yountville within the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. For the 2019–2020 term, he became President of Cal Cities where he represented the state's almost 500 municipalities in both regional and national discussions on local government.

Mr. Dunbar is a member of many boards and organizations including the Napa County Climate Action Committee, the Napa Valley Transportation Authority, the Yountville Tourism Improvement District's Local Governing Committee and the Pathway Home nonprofit veteran treatment program. Since 2012, he has also served on the Napa Exposition and Fair Board.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Dunbar for his years of selfless service and commitment to the people of Yountville. His efforts have made the town a more welcoming, safe and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BRAVERY AND COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, it has been more than two months since 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died alone in a hospital bed in Tehran.

Two days before her death, Amini had been arrested by the Iranian regime's "morality police." Her crime, in their eyes, was wearing a loose-fitting headscarf and tight-fitting pants. The Iranian regime claims that she died of a heart attack, but we know the truth: the police beat her to death.

The world has a tendency to look away from tragedies like Amini's. Stories like hers fade from the news cycle until they are forgotten or met with indifference. But when the Iranian people take to the streets every day to protest Amini's murder and demand fundamental rights, they make it impossible for the world to avert its gaze. By virtue of their courage, they force the world to bear witness. In the streets, protestors chant the inscription on Amini's tombstone: "Beloved Mahsa, you will not die. Your name will become a rallying call." And her name has become just that.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the brave women of Iran who are fighting for the right to live in freedom and dignity. I rise in support of the men standing alongside them who are demanding political rights and an end to theocratic rule. And I rise to solemnly recognize the terrible cost that the people of Iran are paying as they take to the streets. Security forces have killed hundreds of protestors, firing on them with live ammunition and beating them severely. Those caught up in mass arrests could face the death penalty.

The people of Iran are putting their lives on the line to demand fundamental freedoms. They suffer today in hopes of building a better tomorrow—for themselves, for their families, and for future generations. This is a profoundly noble effort that deserves not just our admiration, but also our support.

Those taking to the streets across Iran should know that we are watching them and that we are praying for them. And members of the Iranian regime should know that when a people truly yearn for freedom, and are willing to give their lives for it, their cause is a flame that will never go out.

RECOGNIZING RAY MUELLER  
UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM  
THE MENLO PARK CITY COUNCIL

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague Ray Mueller who served on the Menlo Park City Council for ten years, two terms as mayor, as he is entering a new chapter in his public service career. Ray was just elected as the San Mateo County Supervisor for the 3rd District where he will undoubtedly continue his outstanding and dedicated service to the community.

Ray was first elected to the council in 2012. During his tenure he was always focused on improving the quality of life and safety of residents, the economy and the environment. As the father of two teenagers, Max, 16 and Elle, 12, he is particularly driven to work towards policies that will ensure the future of his and all children. He is married to his high school sweetheart Kristen Shima. I have known Ray for a decade and have always been impressed and inspired by his can-do attitude, resourcefulness, and optimism.

Ray is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and he received his JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He now works as an attorney in the emergency response and services sector. His legal acumen and analytical mind have certainly served the city of Menlo Park very well. Along with his council colleagues, he has been able to balance the city budget for eight consecutive years and to maintain the city's AAA bond rating since he was elected. He and the council have also saved taxpayers millions of dollars through smart policies.

Menlo Park, like the rest of the Bay Area, is plagued by a lack of affordable housing and traffic congestion. Ray has strongly advocated solutions for these interconnected issues. During his time on the council, Menlo Park adopted two housing elements. He was appointed and served on the State of California Tax Credit Allocation Committee which administers the federal and state low-income housing tax credit programs. Menlo Park set aside housing units with rental subsidies for teachers and other community-serving professionals in housing development approvals. Ray worked with Facebook to add housing units on its proposed campus expansion. During the pandemic, Menlo Park made \$100,000 available in grants for emergency rental housing assistance. Ray served on the board of LifeMoves, one of the largest homeless services providers in Silicon Valley.

He and his fellow council members also developed and approved a citywide Transportation Master Plan which focuses on traffic mitigation, safe routes to schools and across freeways, street resurfacing and sidewalks, and improved rail service.

Ray is particularly passionate about our youth. When he was mayor in 2019, he created a youth advisory commission. He launched an after school homework center at the Belle Haven Library bringing in skilled volunteers to provide one-on-one support. He also hosted several civics days at city hall and taught leadership classes at the Boys and Girls Club. During the pandemic, he reactivated childcare centers and transformed after-school programs into learning pods for distance learning.

Ray fully understands that without climate change mitigation our planet and the future of our youth hangs in the balance. In 2020, Menlo Park adopted its first Climate Action Plan. Four years prior, he voted to enroll all city facilities in ECO 100, a program that provides 100 percent renewable energy for city buildings, streetlights and charging stations. As mayor in 2014, Ray prioritized the formation of Menlo Park Spark to promote regional climate action policy. He is also a staunch defender of our open spaces and parks. Despite his extensive work hours as an attorney and council member, he manages to find time to volunteer for the San Mateo chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. An avid surfer himself, Ray has a deep love and respect for the awesome power of nature. He is currently taking a hiatus from the sport to allow a serious neck injury to heal.

Madam Speaker, I ask the Members of the House of Representatives to rise with me to thank Ray Mueller for his exemplary service on the Menlo Park City Council and to wish him continued success and stamina for his upcoming service on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. His contributions will keep shaping our beautiful county and coast.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN SMITH

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Smith for his service to Kentucky's Second District as my director of economic development for more than a decade.

Brian, a proud Western Kentucky University graduate, had served on my congressional team since I was first sworn into office in January 2009. Prior to joining my office, Brian had years of government service to Kentucky, including working for my predecessor, Congressman Ron Lewis, and former Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher. During Brian's first month in my congressional office, Brian helped lead my office's emergency response efforts after an ice storm hit Kentucky. He walked constituents through the FEMA process and directed them to federal resources to help with recovery.

In addition to covering Green and Hardin counties for my congressional office, Brian guided constituents through the federal grant process and handled issues related to federal agencies, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, USDA Rural Development, and HUD. Brian also proudly served as a liaison to Fort Knox, working with both civilian and military leaders.

Brian's extensive knowledge of Kentucky and passion for serving constituents made him a valuable asset to my team. I want to thank Brian for his service to Kentucky's Second District, and I wish him the best in the next chapter of his public service career.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CAREER ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

**HON. ANDY LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25th anniversary of the International Career Advancement Program (ICAP). Founded and led by Prof. E. Thomas Rowe since 1997 at the University of Denver's Korbel School of International Affairs, ICAP's aim is to bring greater quality and diversity to the highest level of senior management and policy-making positions in international affairs. ICAP is one of the only programs in the United States dedicated to helping mid-career professionals from under-represented communities advance to senior positions in international careers. Each cohort since 1997 has been immersed in a week-long seminar in Aspen CO consisting of workshops and discussions designed to prepare participants to serve in senior management and policy roles.

Madam Speaker, to date, over 770 people have participated in the program and several ICAP Fellows have achieved the rank of United States Ambassador, serve as heads of NGOs, established their own non-profit organizations, and lead companies. The ICAP Fellows Association (ICAPFA) continues the mission of ICAP to offer its members mentorship, networking opportunities, and community service.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Prof. Rowe on his vision and ICAP's quarter century of work investing in the next generation of leaders in foreign affairs to ensure that the United States can be effective, innovative, and globally competitive.

HONORING ANNETT REYES-  
ALVAREZ

**HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Annett Reyes-Alvarez, my intern who has completed her Winter 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Annett has proven to be a curious and intelligent young woman.

Annett has assisted my office in various areas, including foreign relations, communications, and constituent engagement. She has demonstrated her ability to adapt and her willingness to learn and research. Annett has exhibited her ability to grow and improve her skillset.

The daughter of Loreley Alvarez and Jorge Luis Reyes, Annett is a first-generation Cuban-American from Miami, Florida. She is majoring in International Relations at Florida International University's Honors College. During her time at Florida International University (FIU), Annett has joined many organizations such as UN Women and UNICEF. She took part in FIU's Hamilton Scholars program to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of America's place in the global arena. Annett will use her lessons to pursue a career in foreign affairs.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Annett Reyes-Alvarez for her professional growth, service to her community, and her present and future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE GRAND RE-  
OPENING OF THE UNITED WAY  
OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA J.  
WAYNE LEONARD PROSPERITY  
CENTER

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the re-grand opening of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana's J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center, a one-stop financial stability center offering an array of programming to the citizens of Greater New Orleans including financial education and coaching, credit building and counseling, benefits screening, and income tax assistance.

As part of United Way's footprint located at a newly acquired site at 2901 Canal Street, the new facility will also house United Way's IDA Project, a matched savings account program helping low-income individuals purchase long-term assets through a 4:1 match of their own savings. The program is addressing the challenges of intergenerational poverty by pro-

viding opportunities for participants to purchase a new home or vehicle, start or expand a small business, or pay for post-secondary education, all through their IDA accounts.

These in-house financial stability resources will help empower low-to-moderate income families to achieve financial stability today and prosperity tomorrow, leading to more vibrant communities for us all. In its first year of operation, the J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center has already served more than 2,000 people referred from the City of New Orleans' Network for Economic Opportunity's Workforce Partnership Centers. These opportunity centers include Strive New Orleans, JOBI Business and Career Solutions Center, Total Community Action, Urban League of Greater New Orleans, and Goodwill Industries. And as a result of the center's successes, United Way has expanded the center's offerings to each parish of United Way's Southeast Region.

A remarkable man I called my friend and neighbor, J. Wayne Leonard, the Prosperity Center's namesake and longest-serving head of Entergy Corporation, facilitated more than \$50 million in charitable donations through Entergy aimed at moving people out of poverty and improving early childhood education. In October 2017, Mr. Leonard was awarded United Way of Southeast Louisiana's prestigious Tocqueville Society Award. During his powerful and inspiring acceptance speech, Mr. Leonard offered a surprise gift of \$1 million toward UWSELA's anti-poverty agenda. Entergy matched the generous gesture with a surprise \$1 million gift of their own.

Mr. Leonard's legacy continues to positively impact the people of Southeast Louisiana. "It has been an honor and privilege to play a role in powering people's lives, whether by providing electricity or offering a helping hand," said Leonard in a previous quote. "I am pleased that Entergy has contributed to the sustainability of the Prosperity Center, which will give local residents access to the kind of critical services that can be life changing. As lives change for the better, so do communities."

According to the ALICE Report, the study of financial hardship conducted with the help of our partners at Entergy, low-wage jobs continue to dominate our local economy while basic costs of living continue to outpace wages. In Orleans Parish, 27 percent of our neighbors are living below the Federal Poverty Line, while more than half are living below the ALICE threshold (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). These families and individuals include men and women, young and old, and myriad races and ethnicities. They are people that you see each and every day—the cashier at the grocery store, the server at your favorite diner—many taking on two and three jobs just to make ends meet. ALICE is unable to save for the future and is just one medical emergency, one car repair, or one harsh storm away from falling into poverty themselves.

United Way has also recognized that many of our community's social issues are rooted in poverty and we've put a stake in the ground around creating innovative solutions with our partners. United, we will eradicate poverty in Southeast Louisiana. And the J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center is a critical step in the right direction.

J. Wayne Leonard saved as the former chairman and CEO of Entergy Corporation,

and passed away September 18, 2018, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Born November 22, 1950, Mr. Leonard understood first hand the vision of this prosperity Center, growing up in Greenfield, Indiana. He rose from humble childhood beginnings to become CEO of a Fortune 500 company and a thought-leader for environmental stewardship and fighting poverty. He was among the first leaders in the energy sector to call for action to stem climate change and offered policy solutions to address the issue. Mr. Leonard was also known for his humanitarian spirit and passion for social justice, giving of his time and money to support causes, especially ones to improve the lives of people living in poverty.

On a more personal note, I am happy to work alongside the United Way of Southeast

Louisiana supporting Louisiana's constituents working across the River Parish. Congratulations to United Way of Southeast Louisiana and its J. Wayne Leonard Prosperity Center continuing the vision of a remarkable man. May they continue to change the lives of thousands in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF  
THE HONORABLE REUBEN  
HOLOBER FROM THE CITY COUN-  
CIL OF MILLBRAE

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Millbrae Councilman Reuben Holober as he leaves the City Council. Reuben was 25 years old when first elected in 2013. He grew up in Millbrae, received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Washington and his Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to joining the council, he served on the city's Sister City Commission. He also served as an intern for the late Congressman Tom Lantos. During his youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Millbrae is a small town of 22,000 stretching from the edge of the bay adjacent to San Francisco International Airport to the wooded hillsides of the Peninsula. Its businesses are almost all small companies. Historically, they largely served local residents, travelers and the airport. In the wake of the housing collapse, Millbrae businesses were hit hard. It was during recovery from that recession that Reuben first ran for public office. He noted in his candidate statement that while the first priority for residents was public safety, the city's tax base needed to grow to support the goal of safety. Developing the areas around the BART/Caltrain station was key to generating revenue.

Today, at the site of the station, construction companies are putting the final touches on 840 units of new housing, 50,000 square feet of retail, and a new hotel. Reuben supported this addition to Millbrae, and it will undoubtedly become a template for similar sites around the country.

The city council made many difficult decisions during Reuben's time in office. When a fire consumed the beloved Millbrae Recreation Center, he and colleagues secured the funds to build a beautiful new facility. In recent years, water rates have escalated because of

aging infrastructure as well as price increases by the city's water supplier. It fell to then-Mayor Holober to note these painful increases in his 2020 reports to the residents, but he also explained all the wonderful work that was done by the public works department, including replacement of many pipes that were more than 50 years old.

A new biotechnology building is under construction near the BART/Caltrain station. Due to the openness of Reuben and his colleagues to new business development, the city is known as a place where companies with the right ideas can get projects successfully through the approval process.

When he joined the council, he was half the age of a typical councilmember. With youthful optimism, he joined the council's Technology Subcommittee and Infrastructure Task Force. His colleagues also assigned him to be the council's representative to the Millbrae Chamber of Commerce, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo County Library Joint Powers Authority, and the Caltrain Local Policy Makers Group. Millbrae Community Television, which broadcasts local events, also benefited from his service on its Board of Directors.

Reuben was Mayor in 2020 when COVID arrived. It is almost painful today to read his remarks to colleagues, delivered in November. He noted, "2020 has been an extremely difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From job losses and economic decline . . . to feelings of isolation and depression . . . due to necessary shelter-in-place and social distancing orders. In many ways . . . we were not prepared for the pandemic." He and his council colleagues rose to the challenge. He noted that the council provided grants to local businesses and helped them apply for greater funding through the SBA. He further noted that 409 businesses received PPP loans that saved 2,600 jobs. The council also passed ordinances to allow curbside dining outdoors, expedited construction permits, closed streets to allow residents and visitors to stroll, and limited fees charged by DoorDash and others so that restaurants could survive without customers being gouged by delivery charges.

All of this was done even though at the time the city's budget took a \$6.5 million hit due to revenue reductions. By cutting other expenses sharply, the deficit was reduced to \$1.3 million, but this left the city operating "on a shoestring budget" according to then-Mayor Holober.

With completion of the new recreation center, major development at the Caltrain/BART station, and commencement of development of a nearby biotechnology complex, Millbrae is finally poised to soar. Reuben Holober can be confident that his quiet and effective leadership was crucial to building a bright future for the city he loves. I wish him, his wife Amy and his son, Nolan, all the best in the years ahead. Reuben Holober, the 25-year-old who wanted to serve, has done a wonderful job for his city and his neighbors. He's now earned the ultimate badge towards the rank of Eagle Scout: Civic duty. Democracy in Millbrae is better due to his time on the council.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER PAM STAFFORD

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilmember Pam Stafford in recognition of her 16 years of dedicated service to the people of Rohnert Park, California.

Ms. Stafford is a graduate of California State University, Los Angeles, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in English. She moved to Rohnert Park in the mid-1970s where she has worked as a fitness trainer and a small business owner for more than 42 years. In 2006, Ms. Stafford was elected to the Rohnert Park City Council. During her tenure, she has served as both Vice Mayor and Mayor, being elected unanimously to the latter in 2009 and 2012.

Ms. Stafford has also been a member of the Waste and Recycling Committee, the Rohnert Park Chamber of Commerce board of directors and the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Her outside agency appointments include the Association of Bay Area Government General Assembly, Zero Waste Sonoma, the Water Advisory Committee to Sonoma Water and the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

As a councilmember, Ms. Stafford has supported countless improvements to local parks and voted to approve the development of Sonoma Mountain (SOMO) Village—a 200-acre mixed-use and sustainable property that includes over 1,800 housing units, soccer field and commercial space. She has been incredibly active in her community, attending countless events, guiding a dance and exercise class at the Rohnert Park Community Center and supporting the performing arts at the local community theater.

Ms. Stafford and her late husband Joseph Mark Stafford have three children, Bryce, Kyle and Megan. She is also the proud grandmother of six.

Madam Speaker, I thank Councilmember Stafford for more than a decade of exemplary leadership and selfless service. Her efforts have undoubtedly made Rohnert Park a more green, welcoming and enjoyable place to live. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LATE BOBBY SILVERSTEIN

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. Bobby Silverstein. Bobby was a dedicated public servant and advocate for advancing disability rights. Within both the House of Representatives and the Senate, he worked tirelessly to champion the needs and priorities of the disability community. Specifically, Bobby played a critical role in crafting the Americans with Disabilities Act and fighting to secure its enactment while serving as staff director and chief counsel for Senator Harkin's Disability Policy Committee.

Bobby will be remembered for his compassion and commitment to creating a society that is fully inclusive and accessible for all Americans. Bobby's dedication to advancing the opportunities for and dignity of those with disabilities were shared by his colleague and friend, Judy Heumann at his memorial service. In honor of Bobby, I include in the RECORD Judy's speech.

When I learned of Bobby's passing, like all of you I was stunned and deeply saddened. I thought immediately of you Lynne, Mark, Evan and your families, and the shock and sadness you would be experiencing. Then I began to think about Bobby and the life that he led. The example he was to everyone whose life he touched. And then a smile came across my face, because Bobby was the epitome of a life well lived.

Like many of us joining today, I had the opportunity and privilege to work with Bobby on some of the critical pieces of legislation that he helped conceptualize, negotiate, and lead on with Congress—especially Senator Harkin—and the disability community to pass. In particular, I remember being both honored and fearful when I was asked to be one of the presenters at the ADA joint hearings. I wanted to make sure that my words enabled the members of Congress to get a clear understanding of why passage of the ADA was so important. But I was, to say the least, quite terrified because of the gravity of the hearings and all that was riding on them.

I shouldn't have worried though, and it was a beautiful experience for me to work with Bobby on the testimony. He was, as always, completely prepared, and he worked tirelessly with me and the other presenters to ensure that we were prepared too. In his diligent way, he made sure that we were acknowledged, respected, and felt valued in sharing our personal stories of discrimination and how it impacted our lives. This testimony was one of my proudest moments, and it meant a great deal to me that Bobby felt it was a powerful and impactful presentation.

How fortunate we were to have had Bobby Silverstein in our movement. Bobby took the time to learn about our lives, and to learn about the importance of being able to get laws like the ADA passed, or the IDEA reauthorized. He understood how important it was for concepts like independent living to be enshrined in the law. He knew how to collaborate, and negotiate—to negotiate hard if the 2 circumstances called for it—and how to disagree without being disagreeable. As smart and strategic as he was, he was also proud of our accomplishments, but at the same time humble, kind, and ethical. And he would always pick up the phone when I called, whether it was 7:00 in the morning or 10 pm in the evening! I will miss being able to do that, to get guidance on one thing or another, or just to check in.

That said, when it came to work / life balance, you always knew that with Bobby, family came first. Being in the presence of Bobby and Lynne was to know a deep love and respect that spanned more than 50 years, and to see what it can produce; not only in a relationship but in a family. You could see how lovingly they raised their wonderful sons, Mark and Evan, and the joy that they experienced when, in turn, Mark and Evan married and had their own children. I loved when Bobby talked about what he and Lynne were doing with the grandchildren, and the pride they took in being able to devote such time and care to them. It has been a privilege to see such devoted parents raising children who have grown up to carry forward the same principled approach to life.

Yoshiko Dart and I were speaking about Bobby the other day, and reflecting on his strength and vision, love and discipline. And his beautiful smile. True to the core of his humanity, you could believe him, and trust that what he said and what he did were always in-sync.

I am certain that Bobby's life work will continue to grow. The decades he worked on the Hill in support of the bipartisan passage of more than 20 bills. The work he has been doing for the past 15 years with Powers, Pyles, Sutter, and Verville, and the hundreds—if not thousands of people—he has trained and mentored to understand how to effectively implement those laws. All of this will continue to bear fruit.

Lynne, Mark, Evan, the entire Silverstein family and friends, we thank you for having shared Bobby's life so lovingly with our community. It is our responsibility to carry forth his work as we continue to fight for equality. To lead with humility, to listen, to encourage the growth of our movement, to mentor, and to attribute some of the progress we have made to the vision, fortitude, and integrity of Bobby Silverstein.

How many of us in this room can say that we have led a life as rich as Bobby's?

We will miss you Bobby—and always find solace and encouragement in remembering your warm smile.

#### WISHING MS. ELEANORE JOHNSON A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to wish Ms. Eleanore Johnson a happy 100th birthday. While reaching 100 years is an impressive accomplishment, I am here to honor Ms. Johnson not only for her centennial birthday, but also for the life she has lived and the service she has given to others.

Ms. Johnson was married to her husband, Howard, a World War II pilot, for 48 years. Together, they raised four daughters and now have seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Ms. Johnson began her career as a secretary and later worked as a teacher and librarian's assistant. She also dedicated time to being a stay-at-home mom while her children were young.

In her retirement, Ms. Johnson has remained dedicated to serving her community. She has volunteered at Rankin General Hospital and Peachtree Retirement Center, and she has been a committed Christian her entire life. Additionally, she has served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, and church librarian, among other roles. Ms. Johnson also has a keen interest in politics and stays informed on national, state, and local matters as a lifelong Republican.

It is my honor to recognize Ms. Eleanore Johnson for her many accomplishments and her dedication to Mississippi and the United States. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Eleanore Johnson.

#### HONORING RAEDEEN BIGELOW AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

#### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker. I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Raedeen Bigelow, who leads the MATURA Neighborhood Center in Greenfield, as our Iowan of the Week.

In September of 1974, Raedeen found herself working a brand-new job after graduating high school. She wasn't exactly sure where her career path would take her, but she was finding her footing working with Head Start, the preschool program provided by MATURA Action Corporation. Raedeen was at Head Start for two years when she saw the MATURA Outreach Center in Greenfield was looking for an aide. She applied in May of 1976, and since then, she has worked tirelessly at the Greenfield Neighborhood Center to help those in need of assistance.

MATURA is a non-profit community action agency that partners with communities in southwest Iowa to provide a multitude of comprehensive programs for individuals and families seeking assistance. It's dedicated staff provides crisis assistance to Iowans in need of food and help with utilities and rent, but services go far beyond that, MATURA also offers access to its Head Start comprehensive preschool program, thrift stores, education for pregnant women, assistance with programs like WIC breast feeding peer counseling and Healthy and Well Kids of Iowa, and workforce training for youth, dislocated workers, and long-term unemployed individuals. Each year MATURA provides these types of critical services to more than 10,000 individuals and 3,700 families across Adams, Adair, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties, where some of the state's most rural areas are located.

This September, Raedeen will be celebrating 48 years at the Greenfield Neighborhood Center, in that time, she has helped folks get the assistance they need, no matter the challenges. But when the COVID-19 pandemic prevented normal interactions between neighbors and changed business operations nationwide, Raedeen and the rest of the folks at MATURA faced their biggest challenge yet. With their doors closed for the first time, meeting families and others to discuss their needs and offer solutions was difficult. Raedeen's Outreach Center was getting more and more requests for assistance as the pandemic prolonged. People needed general assistance, help with housing, energy needs, maternal health service, and much more.

Knowing there was great demand for their help, each Outreach Center had to figure out what processes worked best for each individual office across its six-county footprint, such as drive-through appointments. Raedeen and her team adjusted as each Outreach Center did things their own way, working tirelessly to accommodate each person and family and get them connected with the help they needed at such a crucial time.

Today, Raedeen and the Greenfield Outreach Center are stepping up to help those in their community as our economy struggles with the burden of inflation. Rural communities

are facing increased challenges as costs rise. Raedeen's work and expertise is critical while the Outreach Center yet again adjusts to meet high demand. She is now focused on connecting folks with resources like food pantries, of which the Greenfield Outreach Center has its own that's used across the area. She engages the community regularly so neighbors know when the Center is open and what services are being offered, including handing out backpacks at the beginning of August.

Assistance in rural communities can often be overlooked, and it's people like Raedeen who make these services accessible for those who need it most and during times of crisis. Raedeen is as dedicated as ever, and she's excited to soon pass the 50-year anniversary of her time at MATURA. Madam Speaker, because of her perseverance, passion, and nearly 50 years of dedicated service to her community. I am honored to recognize Raedeen Bigelow as this week's Iowan of the Week.

#### RECOGNIZING CHARLES MICHAEL "MIKE" FUTRELL

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the most extraordinary city managers I have ever known. My friend and colleague Charles Michael "Mike" Futrell leaves his position as city manager of South San Francisco, my hometown, after nine years of exemplary service. Mike has proven over and over again that he is one of the most productive, most creative, and most professional community leaders in the region. He superbly led this city of 67,000 people with a budget of over \$400 million and set it on a path to success.

Most residents of cities don't realize how much impact a city manager has on every aspect of their lives. Mike led 900 full and part-time personnel across all departments: police, fire, emergency medical services, emergency management, public works, parks and recreation, library, human resources, finance, communications, and economic and community development. He greatly improved South San Francisco's finances earning the city its first ever AAA bond rating. During his tenure, the city yielded budget surpluses every year, and he delivered record budget reserves.

To appreciate how much Mike brought to the table when he started his job as city manager, it helps to know his background. Mike earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Louisiana State University, a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts. Amherst, and a JD from Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law School. He was a Ph.D. scholar in Management of Complex Systems at the University of California, Merced, and he received a Learn, Engage, Accelerate, Disrupt (L.E.A.D.) Certification in Corporate Innovation from Stanford.

Mike did not confine his accomplishments to academics. He also served in public office and held other senior administrative positions in both the public and private sectors. He was an elected member of the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council, an elected member of the

Louisiana House of Representatives, a state director for a U.S. Senator, the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Baton Rouge, a U.S. Navy Captain at the U.S. Pacific Command, and an Executive Vice President for Hawaii Gas. As you can surmise from this impressive background, there isn't any situation or problem Mike can't tackle.

Among the most visible changes in South San Francisco during his tenure are the increase in the construction of housing units and the revitalization of the downtown, both priorities for Mike. More than 4,500 new residential units will be built in the next five years, a significant effort to address the crushing housing shortage in the Bay Area. Press reports indicate that, under his leadership, the city's biotechnology employers are expected to more than double their square footage, from 12 million to 25 million square feet, within the next few years.

Madam Speaker, South San Francisco is a remarkable community, and Mike contributed greatly to its success. He will now take his talents to Riverside, California, where he will also be closer to his children. We wish Mike and his wife, Susan Freeman, our very best for a successful future in their new home. Both will be missed, but fondly remembered, in the years ahead.

LIFE INSEPARABLE FROM ART:  
HONORING GRETA CHAPIN MCGILL

**HON. KWEISI MFUME**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary artist who has mastered the talent and skill of expression. Ms. Greta Chapin McGill translates her emotions and experiences as an African American woman flawlessly to canvas, and all who have had the pleasure to view her work are left in awe of its beauty.

Ms. Chapin McGill grew up in Washington, DC, and associates her time riding the bus around the city with blossoming a feeling of independence within herself that has run parallel during her brave journey as an artist. During this time, Greta's father took her to Constitution Hall, where he asked her to close her eyes, and "see" the music. The ability for art to pull us out of reality, and encapsulate us in harmony with emotion and surrealness, is what surrounded Greta as she "saw" the music herself. Greta's own art is a reflection of this experience, unlocking every emotion and story she can elicit from canvas and color.

Inspired by her father's encouragement that anything is possible if you believe in it, Greta began to fully pursue art. She studied painting and art history at Howard University and The Corcoran School of Fine Art, and her exceptional ability has since taken her across the globe to exhibits in Italy, France, and Switzerland. Greta has allowed her craft to take the

lead in her life, as she believes one's own art is a living, breathing canvas that evolves over time through one's experiences and perspectives gained.

Greta cites feminism as having a profound impact on her work, drawing on women's ability to openly and clearly address their emotions, spirituality, and strength. Her creative process arises from the fundamental understanding and belief that it is the artist's job to tell the story of their time, so she must always be observant on what's going on around her and what is changing. As evidenced in her work, Greta employs color in such powerful and responsive ways that anyone who observes her work is astonished by the "abstractly real" aesthetic prevalent in her pieces.

However, despite such explosive and free works of color and design, Greta still affirms that in her art there remain underlying messages she keeps from the observer. The allure of an artistic piece's mystery adds to the impressive intricacy of Greta's portfolio. She believes there is a deeper meaning behind an artist's ability to maintain the privacy and intimacy of their art. Considering, that as a woman of African Ancestry, Greta's ancestors did not have control of their lives, there is a power she feels as a Black artist able to control her story and how much she discloses through art.

Ms. Chapin McGill is someone who should not only be celebrated for her art, but for her character, determination, and influence. Greta is the embodiment of perseverance. She proclaims that you must have the backbone to change facets of your life when they warrant change, and that things in peoples' lives happen for a reason. She is a firm believer that the universe will hand you what you want if you have the courage to ask for it, and when the universe presents an opportunity, you must say yes.

To Ms. Greta Chapin McGill, the promise to create is a commitment she has given to fully. Greta at her core is still that young girl standing in Constitution Hall who "saw" the music and could not live without art. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to commemorate Greta Chapin McGill's devotion to advancing the arts and depicting the experiences of all Americans through that art.

HONORING COUNCILMEMBER TOM  
SCHWEDHELM

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Schwedhelm of Santa Rosa, California in honor of his retirement and eight years as a council member and mayor.

Mr. Schwedhelm moved to Santa Rosa, California in 1981. He received an Associate degree in the Administration of Justice from

Santa Rosa Junior College's Police Academy, a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management from St. Mary's College, and a Master's degree in Organizational Development from Sonoma State University.

In 1983, Mr. Schwedhelm joined the Santa Rosa Police Department beginning a three-decade career as a police officer in Santa Rosa. He also served as an adjunct faculty member for Santa Rosa Junior College from 1985 to 2002. In 2009, Mr. Schwedhelm was named Chief of Police for the City of Santa Rosa and was the first chief to be hired from among the department's ranks in over 70 years. He oversaw the department until his retirement in 2013.

Mr. Schwedhelm's service did not end there. In 2014, Mr. Schwedhelm was elected to the City Council and has now served two terms. He helped lead the city through some of its darkest days. In 2017, the Tubbs Fire destroyed 1,400 homes, most of which were in his neighborhood of Coffey Park, and took at least 22 lives. Mr. Schwedhelm was appointed mayor in 2018. During his tenure, Mr. Schwedhelm worked tirelessly to represent fire survivors and support Santa Rosa's recovery from the Tubbs Fire. In addition, he led his city through massive evacuations caused by the 2019 Kincadee Fire, the first years of the COVID-19 pandemic, social unrest following the murder of George Floyd, and the 2020 Glass Fire which destroyed 334 homes in Santa Rosa and wider Sonoma County.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Schwedhelm for his selfless service and commitment to the people of Santa Rosa. His leadership steered Santa Rosa through numerous crises and accelerated his city's recovery in their wake. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING RANDY WALKER

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to recognize Randy Walker, Garden City, Michigan's longest-serving mayor.

Randy Walker held the office of mayor from 2008 until 2022. Prior to that he served a term on city council. Mayor Walker is a lifelong resident of Garden City. He has always been passionate about serving the community that raised him. Over the years, Mayor Walker has given his time to many service-oriented organizations, including the Kiwanis Club. His love for the community runs deep and it shined through in the initiatives he undertook and supported as our public official.

Please join me in thanking Mayor Randy Walker for his 15 years of service to the people of Garden City in Michigan's 13th District Strong. The 13th Congressional District wishes him well in his retirement and thanks him for his partnership and service to our district.